



CORFA: A Network of Support for the Friends Community

Friends are nonprofit organizations and community partners that support the National Wildlife Refuge System and the National Fish Hatchery System. These organizations are made up of amazing folks who give their time and resources to engage our communities in the conservation, protection, and enhancement of our nation's wildlife and their habitats.

About CORFA

Coalition of Refuge Friends and Advocates (CORFA) is a community of Friends members collaborating to strengthen our organizations and our ability to support refuges, hatcheries, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).



Mission

The mission of CORFA is to foster a network of nonprofit organizations supporting the National Wildlife Refuge System and the National Fish Hatchery System.

What We Do

We listen to the Friends community to learn what they need. A small core team helps to jump start programs and identify resources usually found within the Friends community.

Creating Networks

Private Facebook Group

- Coalition of Refuge Friends and Advocates' Facebook group is a private Facebook group that includes members from 70 percent of the Friends groups.
- It is a place to ask questions and to share information, insights, and experiences.

Friends SHARE - coming in 2024

- Zoom calls for Friends to get to know each other, offer support, and exchange ideas.

Providing Support

Webinars

- Present at least once a month.
- Address topics dealing with partnerships with USFWS, operations of nonprofits, and legislative issues affecting Service managed sites.
- Presented in partnership with NWRA.
- Webinar presenters are Friends members, Service and NWRA staff, and occasional outside experts.

Website, <https://coalitionofrefugefriends.com/>

- Sponsored by NWRA.
- Features blogs on issues of interest to Friends and weekly listing of free or low cost webinars for nonprofits.
- Resource Center tab contains useful information, including recordings of webinars.

Newsletter

- The Link, an e-newsletter, produced in cooperation with National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA), features articles on specific topics by Friends highlighting their successful activities and programs, upcoming events, and other useful news.

Direct Email

- Email messages on timely news for Friends

Advocacy

- CORFA addresses the needs of the Friends community as nonprofits and partners of the Service.
- CORFA members amplify NWRA work to support the needs of the Refuge System.



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